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AF/W INFORM AMBASSADOR EASUM

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SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS (PAA)

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1. PER REFTEL, CHARGE MADE CALL ON INDUSTRIES PERMSEC ALHAJI AUGUST 24 TO EXPLAIN PURPOSE OF HIS FORTHCOMING CALL ON PERMSEC CIVAIR. ALHAJI RECOMMENDED THAT WE ARRANGE ANOTHER MEETING BETWEEN PAA AND NIGERIAN AIRWAYS (WT), MENTIONING ESPECIALLY MANAGING DIRECTOR PAUL THAHAL. HE THOUGHT THAT OUR CHANCES OF GETTING 4TH 707 FREQUENCY WERE SLIM BUT THAT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET ASSURANCES ON 747'S BECAUSE AIRPORT WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE SUCH AIRCRAFT. ALHAJI ASSURED CHARGE THAT GOVERNMENTS COULD COME TO SOME AGREEMENT IF THE AIRLINES' QUOTE SELFISH ATTITUDES UNQUOTE BROUGHT THEM TO A STALEMATE.

2. AFTER MEETING, CHARGE SUBMITTED DIPLOMATIC NOTE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA) PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT. TO EXPEDITE MATTER, ECONOFF PAID CALLS ON CIVAIR MIN AUGUST 25 AND 28 SEEKING APPOINTMENT FOR CHARGE, WHO DEPARTS LAGOS ON LEAVE EVENING OF AUGUST 28. AUGUST 25, PERMSEC WAS OUT OF TOWN AND ON 28TH, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY ADEGBENRO INFORMED  
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ECONOFF THAT PERMSEC WAS TOO BUSY AFTER RETURNING FROM HIS TRIP.

3. DURING DISCUSSION OF THE MEETING REQUESTED BY CHARGE, ADEGBENRO COMMENTED ON SUBSTANCE OF NOTE. HE FEELS THAT FMG HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PAA INTRODUCTION OF THE 747 AIRCRAFT BUT THAT FREQUENCIES ARE STILL A MATTER OF NEGOTIATION. HE

INTIMATED THAT 2 FREQUENCIES A WEEK FOR THE 747 WOULD BE  
REASONABLE SINCE IT IS A LARGER AIRCRAFT AND NIGERIANS WOULD  
HAVE A PREFERENCE FOR FLYING THE NEWER AIRCRAFT, WHICH HE COMPARED  
TO A CADILLAC.

4. COMMENT: PER AMBASSADOR/CHARGE TELECON OF AUGUST 25, WE WILL  
INITIATE ACTION PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR'S RETURN TO ARRANGE MEETING  
FOR THE AMBASSADOR WITH CIVAIR PERMSEC. HOWEVER, GIVEN  
DEMONSTRATED INFLUENCE OF ADEGBENRO, HIS COMMENTS DO NOT AUGER  
WELL FOR THE FUTURE.  
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